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In Re Application of: Stev MERCER et al.

Serial No. 09/690,997	Filing Date 10/18/00	Examiner	Group Art Unit 2831

Title: **MODULAR BACKPLANE FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPUTERS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the subject application, as indicated below:

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After the title and before the first paragraph on page 1, insert the following

heading at the left-hand margin:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION--

insert the following new paragraph at the left-hand margin:

--The subject matter of this invention is related to Provisional Application

Serial No. 60/219,013, filed July 19, 2000. The subject matter of said application is

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